



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: Western

Date: June 21, 2010

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):

- April 13, 2010: Western DCC sponsored State Health Plan Forum with Dr. Mills and Ms. Riley. Forty-eight participants attended the meeting. Information on the Western DCC was shared since many attendees were not DCC members. Twelve people signed up to join the DCC in drafting its District Health Improvement Plan (DHIP).
- June 4, 2010: Western DCC meeting – first DHIP planning meeting. Twenty participants attended the meeting. Several interested parties sent regrets. The district Performance Report-Call to Action and results of the Local Public Health System Assessment were presented. Two breakout groups, each focused on one Essential Public Health Service that western Maine scored low in, identified priority areas from the Population Health Indicators, brainstormed potential projects and identified next steps for a summer workgroup.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

A workgroup will form over the summer to draft the DHIP. Tasks for the workgroup include: 1. review/refine priorities identified at DCC meeting, 2. Confirm suggested initial projects, 3. Determine timeline, 4. Inventory gaps, 5. Develop strategies, 6. Draft report.

A meeting to present the draft report and solicit feedback will be held in September.

Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:

Completed. Essential Services #4 (Mobilize community partnerships) and #7 (Link people to needed personal health services) were ranked lowest overall. Presented at the DHIP meeting, these EPHS will be addressed in the draft DHIP.

Organizations represented at meeting(s):

- State Health Plan Forum: Public Health Nursing, FQHC Health Centers, School Nurses, Local Health Officers, VA, Refugee Resettlement, seniors, EMS, Central Maine Medical, Franklin Memorial Hospital, City of Auburn, Head Start/ preschool, Western Maine Community Action & Community Concepts (CAP agencies), WIC/ nutrition services, Bates College, Medical Reserve Corps., Androscoggin Home Health & Hospice, Stephens Memorial Hospital, American Heart Association, Community Dental, all four western Maine HMPs.
- DCC-DHIP planning meeting: Health Reach health centers, school nurse, Catholic Charities of Maine, Seniors Plus, Central Maine Medical, Northstar Ambulance, city of Auburn, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, Advocates for Children, St. Mary's Nutrition Center, Franklin Memorial Hospital/ Health Practices, St. Mary's Hospital, Androscoggin Head Start, Oxford EMA, 3 HMPs.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Lead poisoning continues to be addressed both across the district and separately in Lewiston-Auburn as a high incidence area.